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Your Group Project - In-Class Activity Week 8

Inspired by Andersen & Robidoux (2011)

You'll have the rest of class to meet with your group members and come up with a group contract like the one described in Andersen & Robidoux (2011). You can also use this time to draft your group proposal. **You'll submit the proposal and the group contract to me, via email, before our next class session.**

Group Contract

- Discuss any barriers to collaboration you've experienced in the past or you are worried about for this project.
- Identify a strategy for overcoming those barriers.
- Articulate your group's "unifying vision"
- Determine a plan for ensuring (a) individual accountability and (b) collaborative performance.
 - What will you do if someone in your group isn't able to meet their commitments, for whatever reason? What will you do if, for example, someone misses a deadline?
 - What tools will you use to facilitate your collaboration? Where are you going to store documents? How will you communicate outside of our class sessions (text? email?)
- Create a "collaboration road map." This should include assigned roles (if applicable), and a timeline for the group work to be completed. Note: You will have one class session (week 13) dedicated to group work.

Project Proposal

- What topic do you want to write about?
- What kind of article do you want to write? (Empirical research study? Literature review? Theoretical analysis? Theory-into-Practice pedagogical application?)
- To what academic conversation do you want to contribute? (I always find it helpful to answer this by identifying two or three potential journals for publication.)
- What form will your project take? (Linear or non-linear? Multimodal?)

The Group Contract + Project Proposal that you submit to me should include (due to Mary before 10/25's class:

- A brief description of the topic you want to explore, including a comment on the type of article you are trying to write, the form it will take, and at least one journal that you might target for publication

- A statement on your group's unifying vision (ex. Trying to publish this, get acquainted or experiment with technology, etc.).
- A statement on your plan for ensuring individual accountability and collaborative performance
- A proposed timeline for your group work and, if applicable, assigned roles